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UPDATE

**Temporary City Trash Collection Bins
To Remain Until November 10 in Scripps Ranch and Tierrasanta**

City's Environmental Services Department Helps Residents in City Fire-Ravaged Areas Clean Up Trash

SAN DIEGO, CA— The large roll-off trash collection bins that help City residents who lost homes in the Cedar fires to clean up trash will remain one week longer until Monday, November 10, 2003

The City of San Diego Environmental Services Department (ESD) set up approximately 45 large roll-off trash collection bins last week along the streets where homes were burned in the Scripps Ranch and Tierrasanta communities. The bins were originally scheduled for removal on Monday, November 3, 2003.

The bins are to be used **only for the immediate collection of small quantities of trash and burned items** that can be placed in the bins by hand. No construction debris, heavy or large items such as concrete, bricks, and large household appliances should be placed in these bins.

Ash resulting from the fire can be placed in plastic bags and deposited in the large roll-off bins. Ash put in plastic bags or loose ash should not be placed in City 32-, 64-, or 96-gallon black trash collection containers because of potential damage to City trash collection trucks.

For residents cleaning up burn sites, free plastic bags are available at the Environmental Services Department information booth at the City's Local Assistance Center located at the Scripps Ranch Recreation Center, 11454 Blue Cypress Dr., San Diego, CA 92131.

Residents in non-impacted fire areas who wish to clean up ash are advised to place all ash into landscaped areas to be used as a soil amendment.

For more information on methods of cleaning up ash, please visit the Regional Water Quality Control Board at <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb9/>. For more information about City trash collection please call the Environmental Services Department at (858) 694-7000.

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